THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV); (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not aries.

गुजरात में खनन पर निगरानी

2199. श्री राम सिंह राठवा : क्या खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गुजरात मे खान-परियोजनाओं पर अप्रभावी निगरानी के कारण इन परियोजनाओं की लागत में वृद्धि हो गई है तथा इनके पूरा होने में विलम्ब हुआ है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) इन परियोजनाओं के नाम क्या-क्या हैं ; और

(घ) सरकार ने निगरानी प्रणाली को मजबूत बनाने के लिए क्या प्रयास किए हैं ?

खान मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बलराम सिंह यादव) : (क) खान मंत्रालय की गुजरात में कोई खनन परियोजना नहीं है ।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

**List of illegal mines operated in the country**

2200. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whethrr Government had any list of illegal mines being operated in differtnt pans of the country;

(b) if so, the details of the illegal mines operated State-wise; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to close down illegal mines throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Central Government does not maintain any such list.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Action is taken as per law on detection of cases of illegal mining.

**Interest shown by Australian in the mining sector**

2201. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Australians have shown their interest in mining sector in accordance with the liberalisation policy of the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OP STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) The National Mineral Policy placed before this House on 5-8-1993 liberalising further the conditions pertaining to foreign investment in the mining sector has generated interest amongst foreign mining companies including Australian. Such interest can lead to specific proposals/ projects only after consequential amendments to the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957, have been made.

**Gold Reserves in the Subanstri river sand Assam**

2202. DR. BAPU KALDATE;

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of MINES be plesed to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a recent study has shown that the Sub-ansiri river sand (Assam) has a rich gold reserves;